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Foreign Documents Exploitation During 1947-48

1. I want to congratulate you on the fine effort contained in "Foreign Documents Exploitation 1947 and 1948". It should be disseminated to all offices within CIA but, for several reasons such as cost, should not have further distribution.

2. In order to provide substantiation for the fulfillment of FDB T/O it is requested that the report go one step further and include graphs showing various stages of backlog such as arrears in answering CD's and coverage of foreign press.

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**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS EXPLOITATION**

**1947 AND 1948**



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# FOREIGN DOCUMENTS EXPLOITATION DURING 1947 AND 1948

## SUMMARY

(For further detail please call  
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## FOREIGN DOCUMENTS EXPLOITATION DURING 1947 and 1948

## REVIEW

1. Foreign Documents

## a. Captured Documents Scanned

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>	
(1) Far East	159,295	167,644	105%	(Graph A)
(2) German	7,922	20,934	264%	(Graph B)

## b. Foreign Documents Received and Scanned for Intelligence Value (Graph C)

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>
(1) Newspapers	4,470	56,633	1411%
(2) Periodicals		6,616	
(3) Other Documents		43,678 (mostly captured)	

2. Translation and Information Projects Assigned for Action (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>
674	1,973*	292%

3. Average Number of Personnel Assigned

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>

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4. Action Completed

## a. Projects

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>	
(1) Translation and Information Projects (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)	365	1,581	430%	(Graph D)
(2) Information Cards	14,092	23,787	168%	(Graphs P, Q, R)
(3) Bibliographies	0	366	366%	(Graphs N, O)
(4) Total Translation and Information Projects	14,457	25,734	178%	(Graphs F, H, J, L, N, P, Q, R, S, U)

\* Foreign Documents Branch has standing IAC and CIA requirements for approximately three times the number of translation and information projects assigned during 1948; action on these requirements depending on the increase in personnel authorized by the table of organization.

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## b. Pages

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>	
(1) Translation and Information Projects (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)	6,315	27,567	436%	(Graph E)
(2) Information Cards	14,092	23,787	168%	
(3) Bibliographies	0	558	558%	(Graphs N, O)
(4) Total Pages	20,407	52,242	256%	(Graphs G, I, K, M, O, P, Q, R, T, U)

5. Intelligence Information Coverage during 1948

## a. Areas ----- 7

USSR	Middle East
Eastern Europe	Far East
Western Europe	South America
Near East and Africa	

## b. Languages ----- 36

Annamese	Egyptian	Italian	Portuguese
Arabic	Estonian	Japanese	Rumanian
Armenian	Finnish	Korean	Russian
Bulgarian	French	Lithuanian	Spanish
Chinese	German	Malay	Syrian
Croatian	Greek	Manchurian	Swedish
Czech	Hebrew	Mongolian	Tagalog
Danish	Hungarian	Norwegian	Turkish
Dutch	Iraqi	Polish	Yiddish

6. Coordination of Document Exploitation during 1948

a. Foreign Documents Branch has prevented duplication of foreign document exploitation through authorized operational liaison with other CIA and IAC offices and agencies.

b. Foreign Documents Branch has coordinated document exploitation activities with the following offices and agencies in locating and exploiting sources of foreign language documents of intelligence potential, in evaluating foreign language material, in determining suitable priorities for exploitation and in the dissemination of information reports and publications:

(1) Army

- (a) Intelligence Division, GSUSA
- (b) German Military Document Section, AGO
- (c) Engineer Research Division, Army Map Service, C/Engrs
- (d) General Headquarters, Far East Command
- (e) Documents Section, European Command
- (f) Military Plans Division, Office of the Quartermaster General

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(2) State

- (a) Office of Intelligence Research

(3) Navy

- (a) Naval Research Laboratories  
(b) Technical Intelligence Center

(4) Air

- (a) Intelligence Division  
(b) Aeronautical Chart Service, Strategic Air Command  
(c) Air Materiel Command, Wright Field  
(d) Air Weather Service, Technical Research Files, ATC  
(e) Air Research Unit, Strategic Vulnerability Branch, ID

7. Cost Accounting During 1948

- a. Costs are computed only for research, analysis, translation, editing and typing.
- b. Average cost per page of all translation and information projects completed during 1948: \$3.58.

8. Disposition of Documents Outside Foreign Documents Branch

a. Loan Service

- (1) Number of foreign documents loaned

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
1,759	1,128

b. Transfer of foreign documents

- (1) To National Archives

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
0	1,478,611 (Japanese War Records)

- (2) To Library of Congress

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
87,784	120,146

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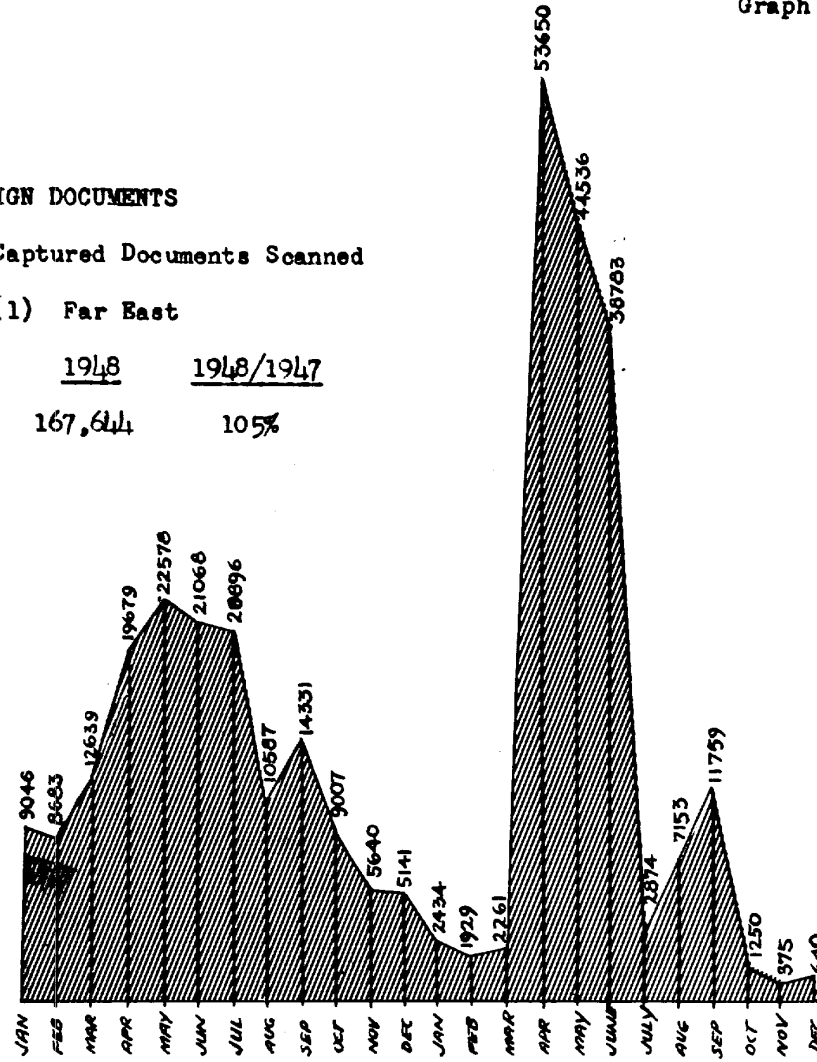
Graph A

1. FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

a. Captured Documents Scanned

(1) Far East

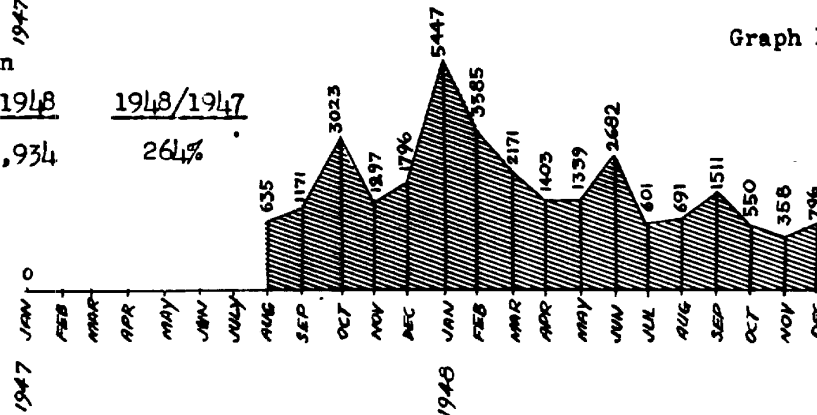
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Graph B

(2) German

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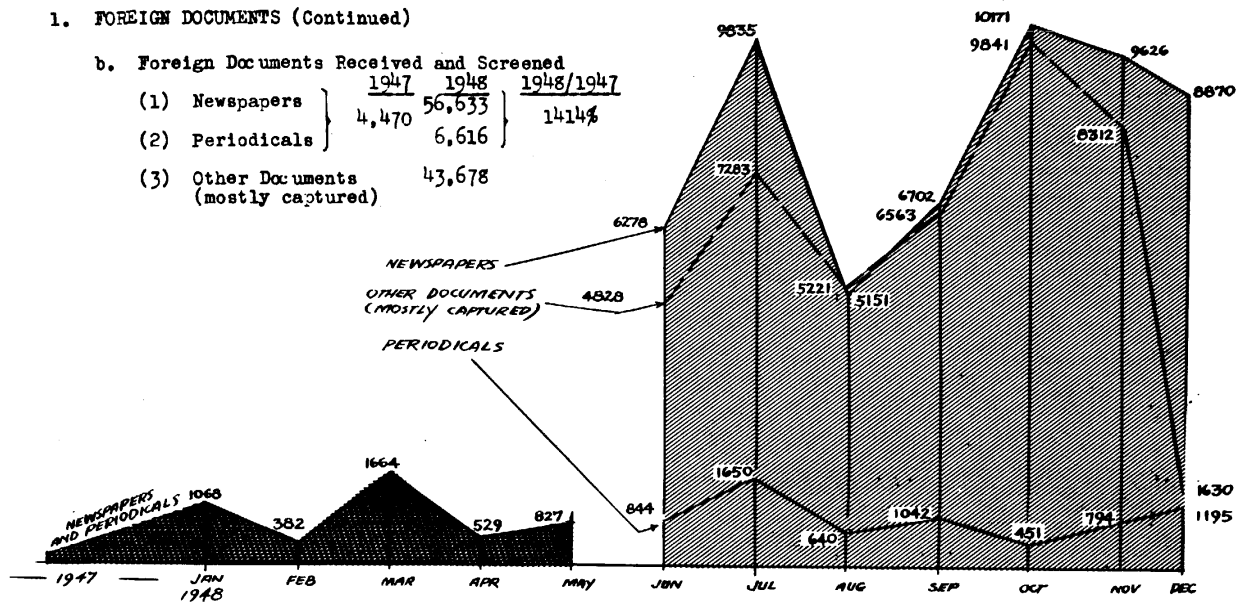
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Graph C

1. FOREIGN DOCUMENTS (Continued)

b. Foreign Documents Received and Screened

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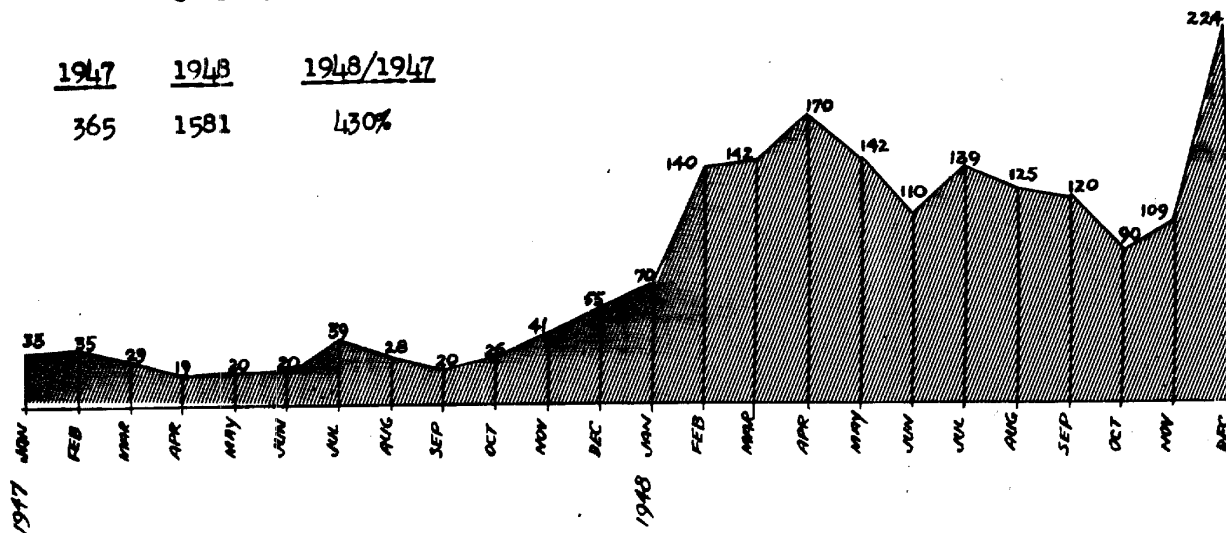
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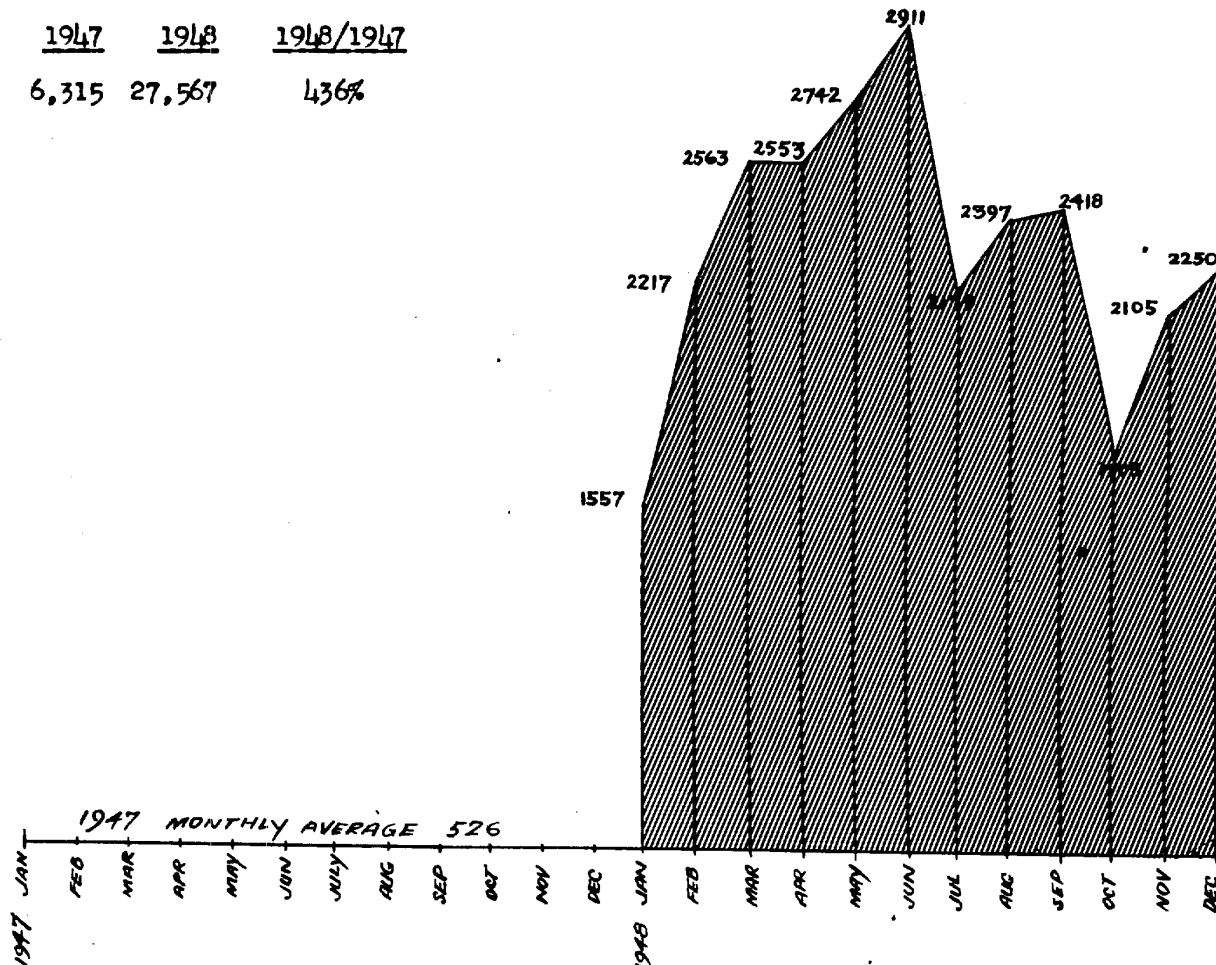
Number of Translation and Information Projects (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)

Graph D



Number of Translation and Information Pages Provided (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)

Graph E

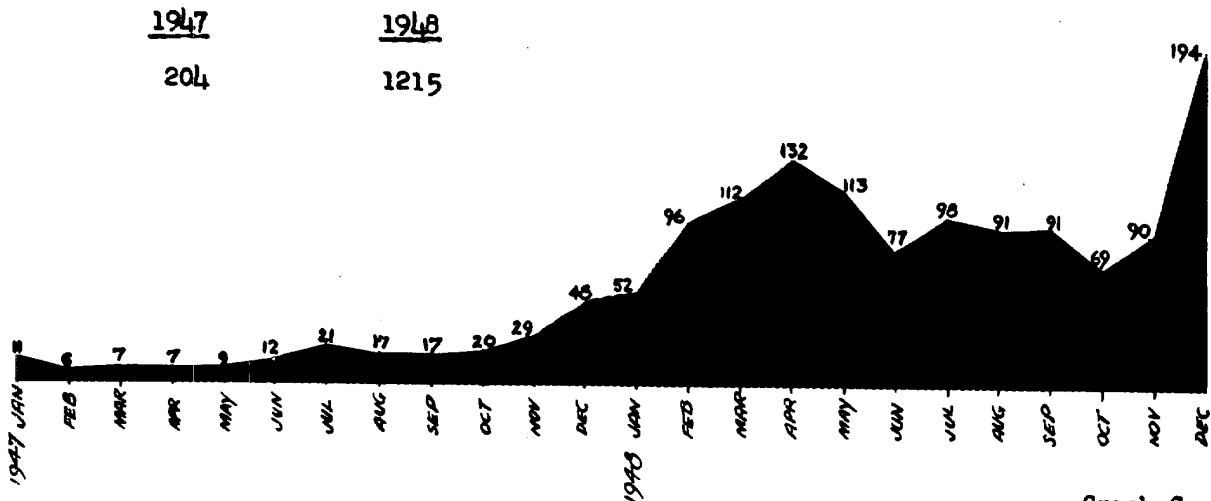


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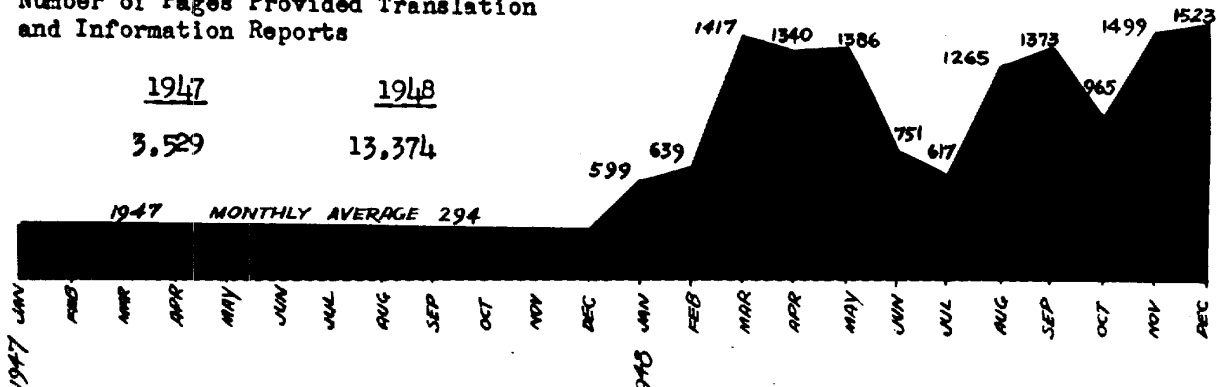
# Number of Translation and Information Reports

Graph F



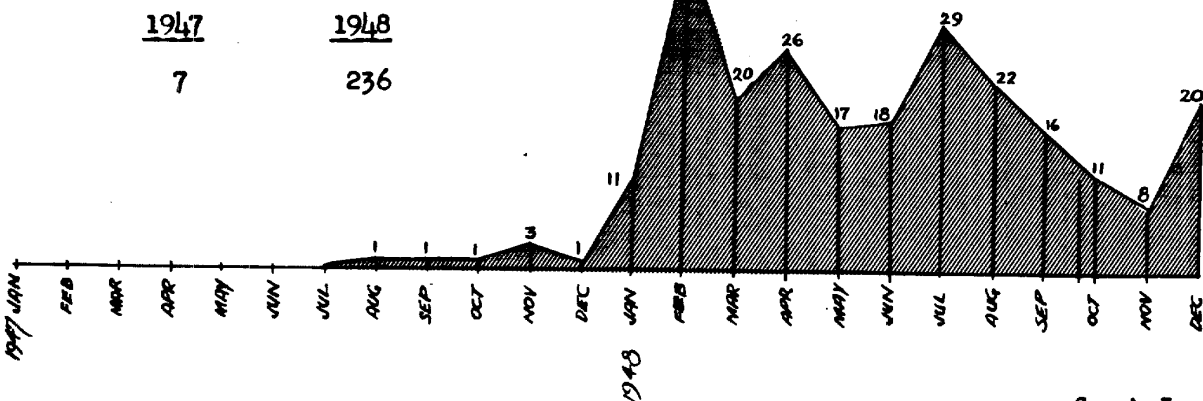
# Number of Pages Provided Translation and Information Reports

Graph G



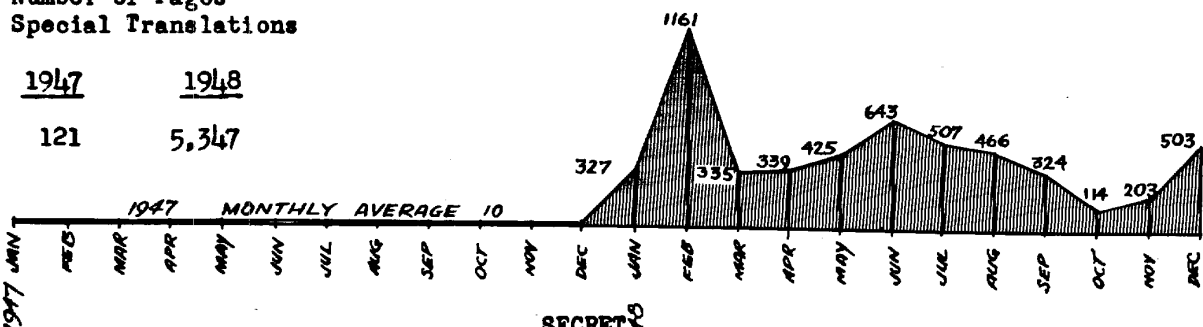
# Number of Special Translations

Graph H



# Number of Pages Special Translations

Graph I

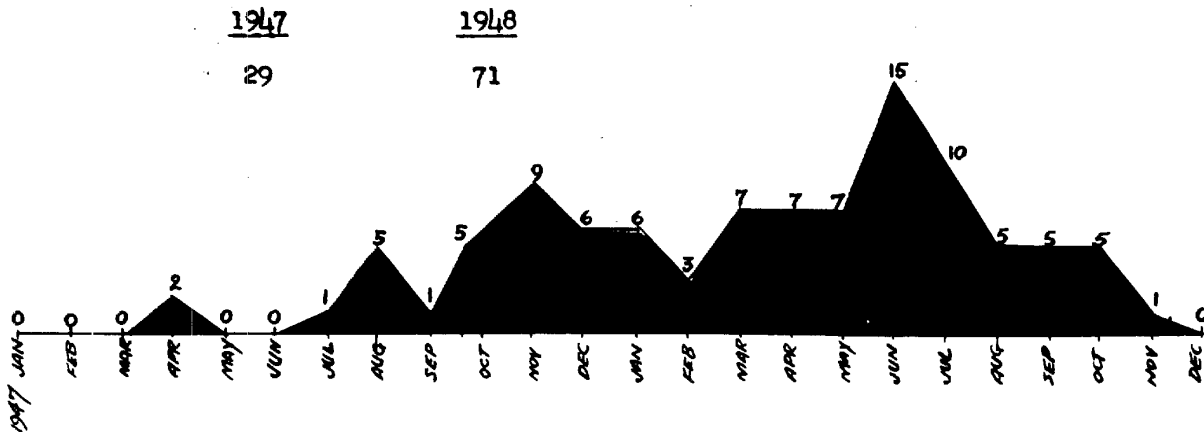


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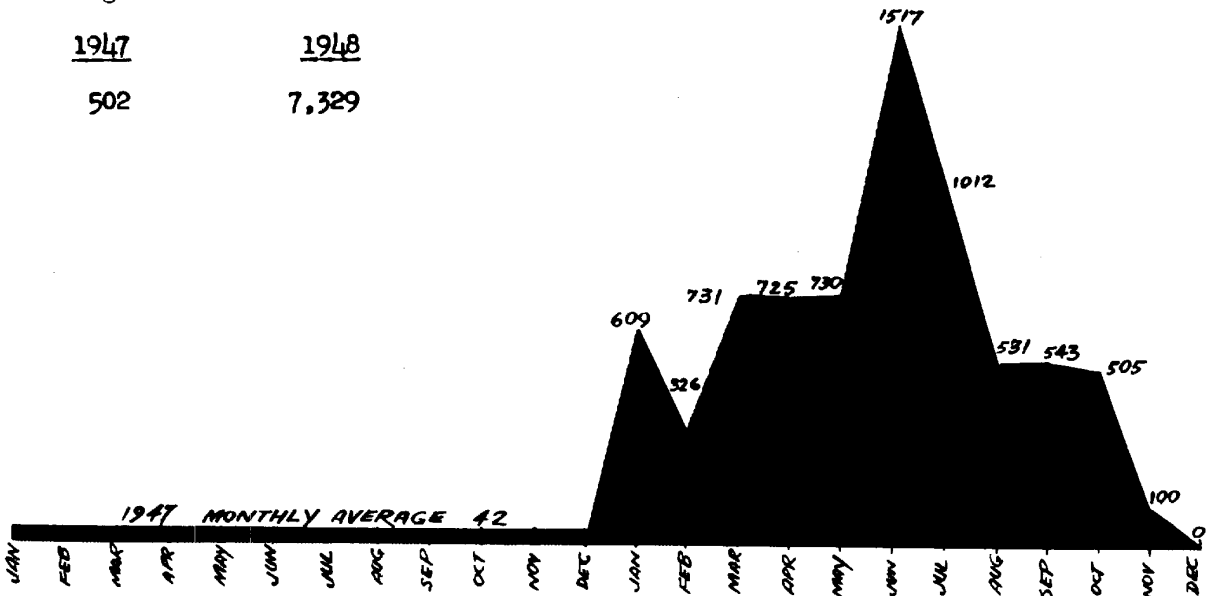
Graph J

Number of Issues of Foreign Periodical Abstracts



Graph K

Number of Pages  
Foreign Periodical Abstracts



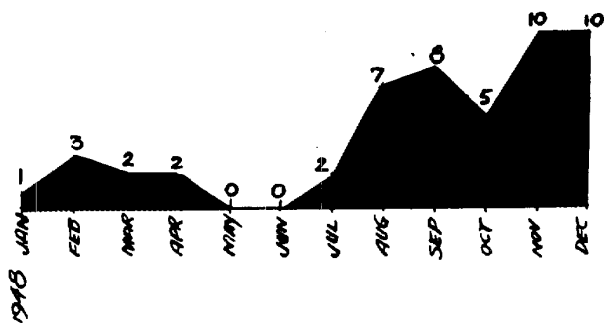
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Graph L

Number of Issues of Foreign Press Extracts

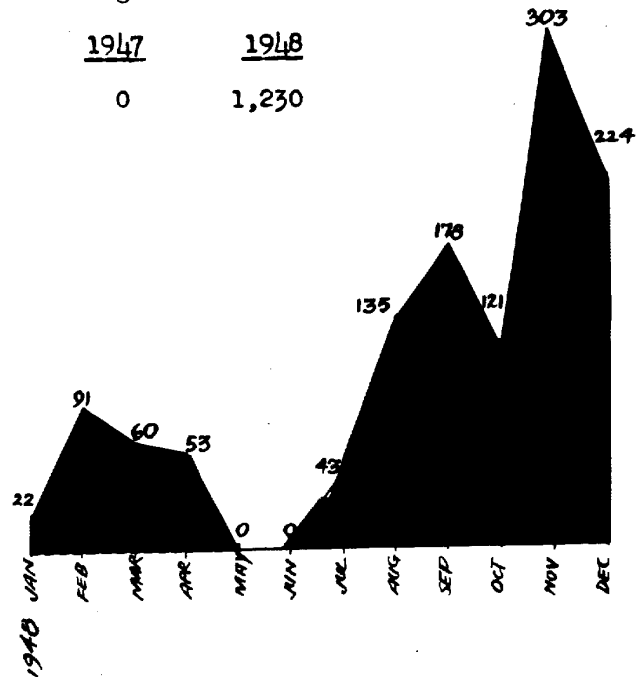
1947	1948
0	50



Graph M

Number of Pages  
Foreign Press Extracts

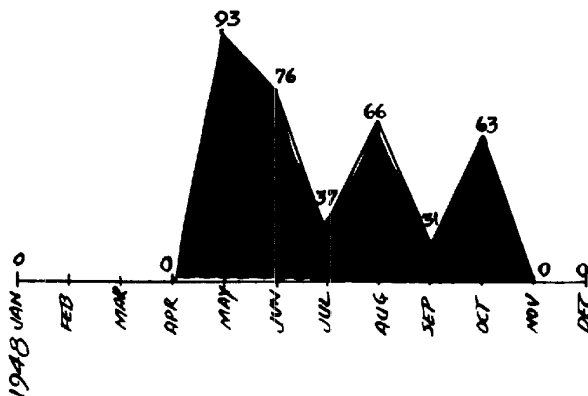
1947	1948
0	1,230



Graph N

Number of Bibliographies of Russian Periodicals

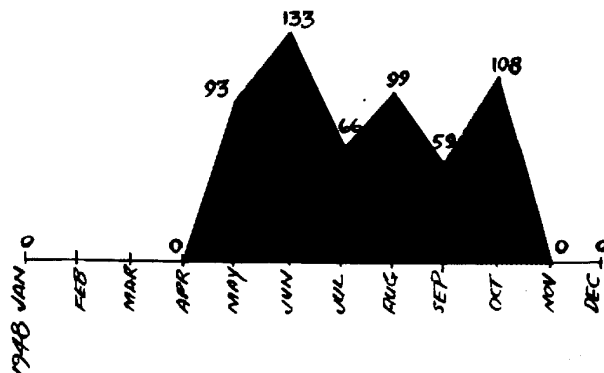
1947	1948
0	366



Graph O

Number of Pages  
Bibliographies of Russian Periodicals

1947	1948
0	558

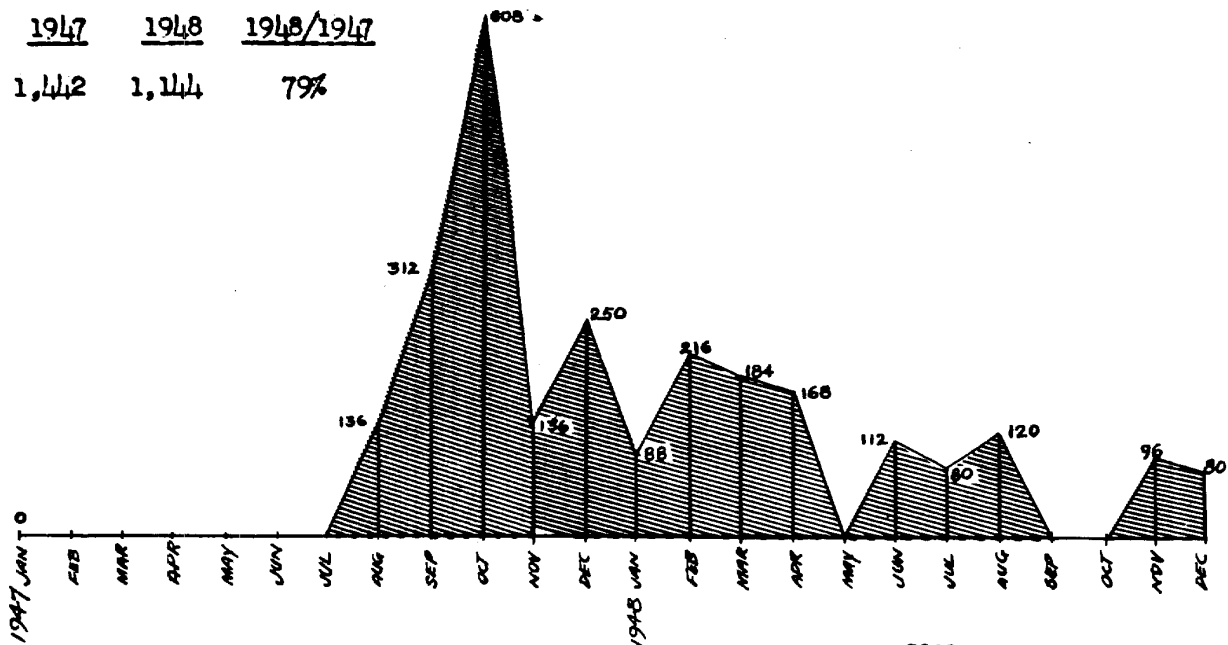


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Number of Cards  
Intelligence Catalog Prepared from  
German Documents

Graph P

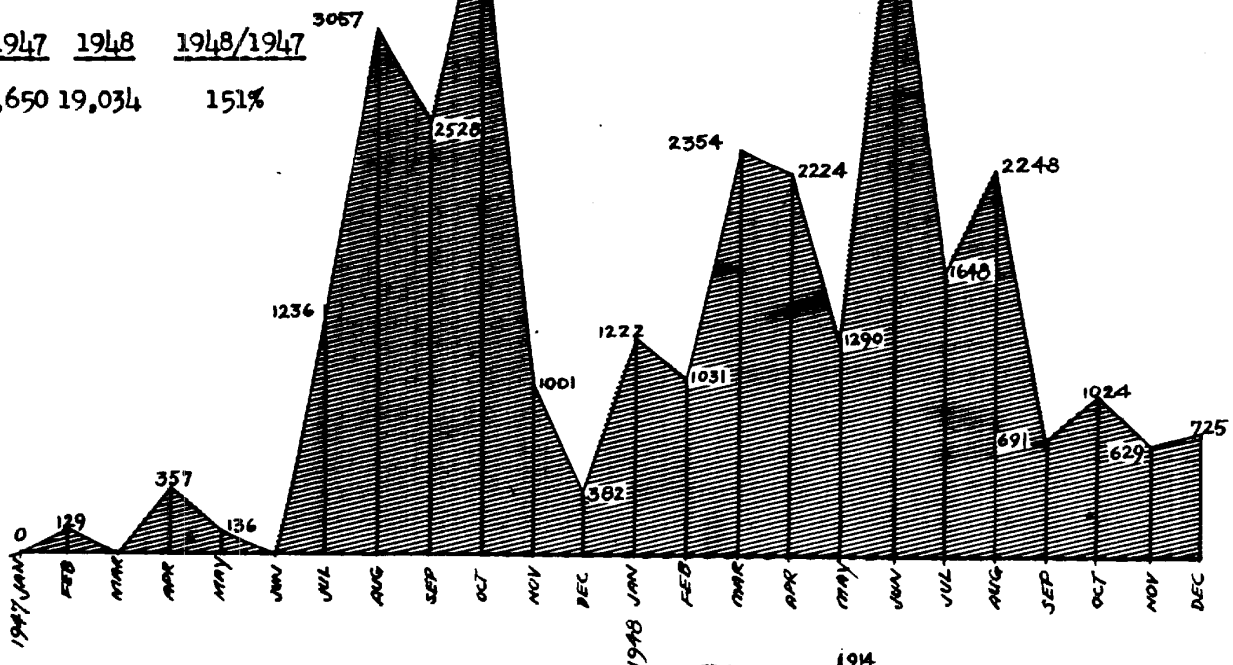
1947    1948    1948/1947  
1,442    1,144    79%



Number of Source Cards  
Industrial Information Provided  
The Foreign Industrial Register

Graph Q

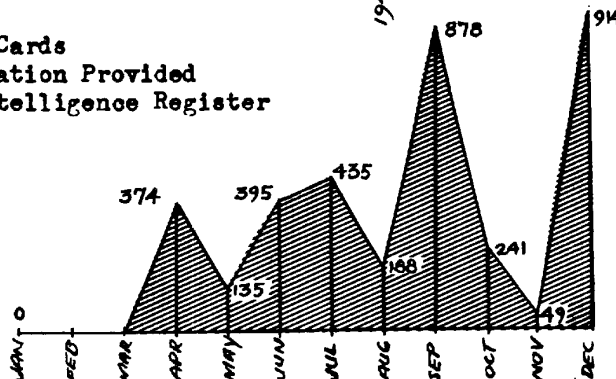
1947    1948    1948/1947  
12,650    19,034    151%



Number of Source Cards  
Biographic Information Provided  
The Biographic Intelligence Register

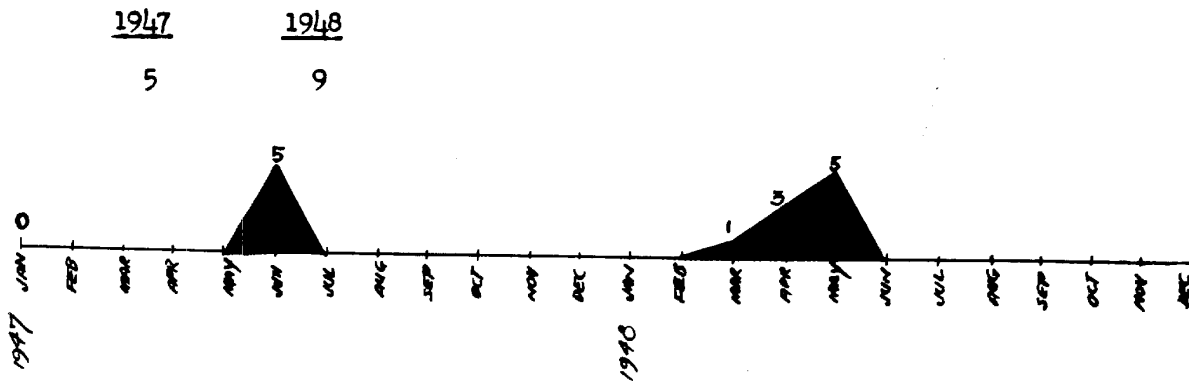
Graph R

1947    1948  
0    3,609



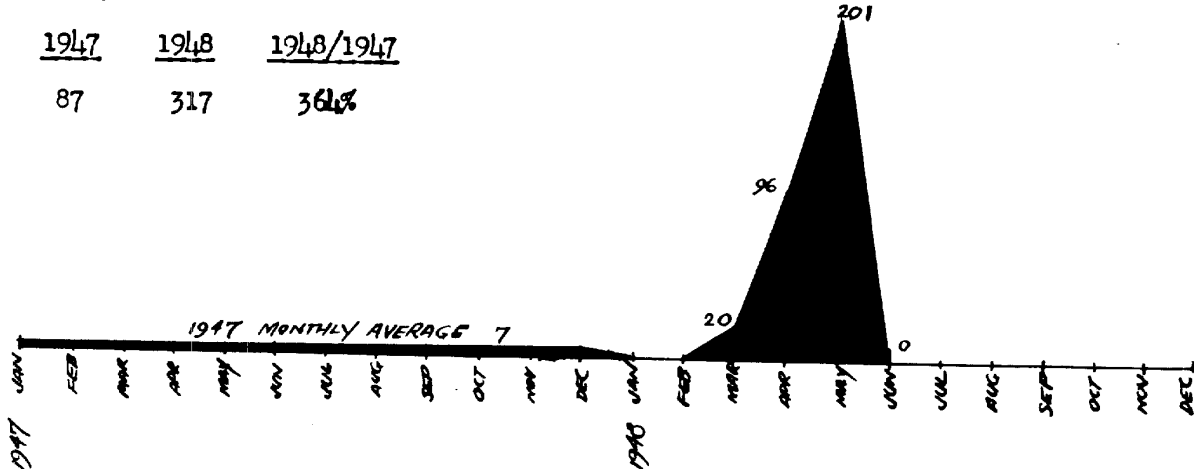
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Number of Summary Translations



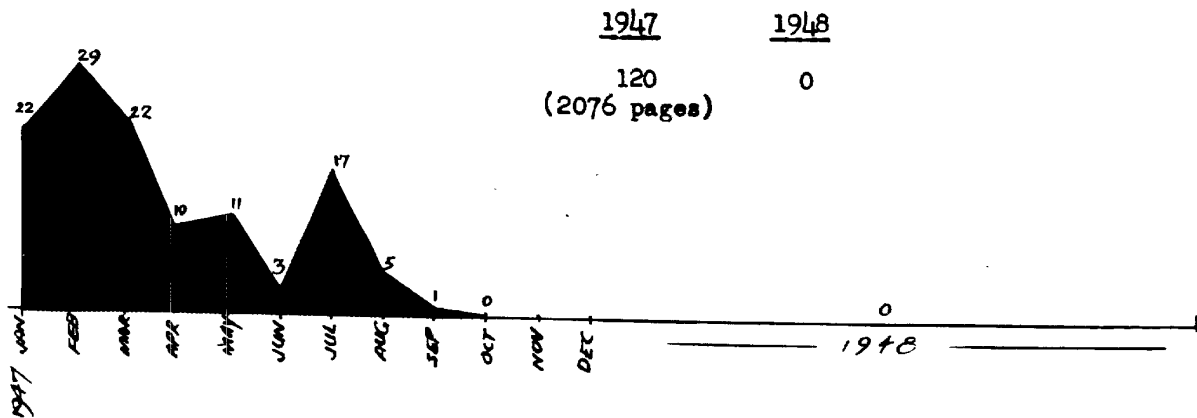
Graph T

Number of Pages  
Summary Translations



Graph U

Number of Issues and Pages  
Accession Lists of Foreign Documents



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